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Our Area's Top Talent Showcased Room-by-Room.

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This spacious living room designed by The English Room's Holly Hollingsworth Phillips is transformed into a cozy mountain retreat with shiplap walls and exposed beams that give the room a rustic feel. Natural light and a soft, neutral palette of light purples, grays, and textured whites impart a comfortable elegance that makes this the perfect place for family to gather and relax.



Not all renovations center on whole-home design. Frequently, more homeowners are turning to interior designers to focus on pieces of their home instead. It's a terrific scenario for those looking only for a living room facelift or a kitchen update, but these amazing spaces have proven a challenge to Home Design & Decor's commitment to

featuring incredible comprehensive home design. Until now.

In the magazine's first Editor's Pick feature, we bring you our favorite rooms from interior designer submissions throughout the year. From bedrooms and living rooms to bathrooms and kitchens, peruse the best of what Charlotte has to offer, room by room, and find your own inspiration in these awe-worthy styles.

Make an ENTRANCE

The entryway is the handshake of the home, the warm hug, the welcome home. And whether it be an expansive room or a small nook, the tone of the entire home starts here. From the elegance of rich hardwoods to the lighthearted functionality of an additional conversation spot, fabulous foyers are the perfect way to give guests an haute-design hello.



Photography by Brian Douglas Works

Below: Rich, stained woodwork offers a warm welcome to guests in this stunning Kannapolis home's entryway. A glass top center table atop a sleek hide rug adds a soft element to the space while a stunning medallion print asymmetrical drapery spans the two-story windows, offering both privacy and interest.

Designer: Lauren Nicole Designs



Photography by D Randolph Foulds Photography

Left: Style meets function. A mix of fabric and custom prints from High Point market, streamlined furniture silhouettes from custom-designed TUFT pieces, a Bargain Hunt ottoman, and accessories from Target and Marshalls offer not only an exuberant hello but also provide additional seating and storage for items like mail and keys.

Designer: Danielle McKim owner of TUFT Retail + Interior Design



Left: High-style comes in small packages with this powder room where the design focuses on deeply personalized features. The one-of-a-kind sink is fashioned from a petrified wood bowl, and the vanity mirror is custom-crafted to fit the space. Local art from Lauren Reddick gives the small space depth, culture, and a pop of color.

Designer: Swell Decor

Photography by Avtmarketing

Small & SENSATIONAL

Limited square-footage can't stop big style when it comes to powder rooms. In fact, the small footprint is an ideal means for infusing dramatic pops of personality into the home. Bold wall treatments, colors, and wallpapers married with unique fixtures and artwork prove the old adage that dynamite comes in small packages.



Photography by Chris Edwards

Above: A mix of metals, wood, stone, and fabric fuses rustic with elegance in this powder room. The suede upholstered door with nailhead trim softens the hardness of the wood-wrapped room and stone sink. Mirrored bands situated between the planks infuse the space with natural light.

Designer: Heather Smith with Circa Interiors & Antiques



Photography by Paul Rauch with Summit HD Media

Left: Reclaimed wood vertical paneling combined with Schumacher's Featherfest wallpaper in "Leaf" and trout cabinet pulls give this powder room a rustic yet refined feel. A custom vanity with orb bridge faucet by Brizo and an oversized pendant light from RH add a touch of elegance to the natural aesthetic.

Designer: Mary Ludemann with New Old Interiors

Work / Life BALANCE

Working from home shouldn't feel like a job, and it won't with a smart, efficient workspace that maximizes square footage, boasts organizational tools, and dresses it all up with a glamorous style that flows seamlessly within the home's aesthetic. Built-in cabinetry, uncluttered desks and filing systems, and adequate and beautiful lighting options elevate a standard study to a posh professional space.



Photography by John Bessler



Photography by Dustin Peck

Above: Layers of texture create warmth and comfort in this home office, making it feel put together without being overdone. A high-shine chrome desk and the hint of color on the silk velvet ikat pillows give the subtle palette a contemporary kick.

Designer: Jenna Jackovich designer/owner of Stylefix

Left: Glazed dark wood built-ins and a burnished brass Brutalist-style chandelier gives the room a heavy, edgy quality while leather and linen treatments and an antique wool rug reveal the design's softer side. The Parter's desk and shaped English armchairs make this a comfortable, accessible, and stylish work environment.

Designer: Heather Garrett Design, Inc.

Modern MORNINGS

Whether tucked into a nook in front of expansive windows or spanning the length of a modern kitchen, the breakfast area is a family gathering spot for anytime of the day. It's a place to eat a quick bite, have a cup of coffee, complete homework, or simply have an intimate conversation while dinner's on. Sleek, comfortable furniture and durable fabrics provide a basis for vibrant pops of color—in rugs, window treatments, or accessories—that personalize the family space, making mornings—and every moment in between—everyone's favorite.



Photography by Brian Douglas Works

Top: A small space doesn't mean small style. The rich colors of the AllModern rug serve as the design focal point while its style, along with the IKEA chandelier add a hint of Bohemian flair. As a contrast, the IKEA mirror, dining table, and AllModern chairs give the space a modern edge. The table with glass top is from Target and visually keeps the space light and airy.

Designer: Danielle McKim owner of TUFT Retail + Interior Design



Right: When a soft, tonal color palette is used, layered textures can create dimension and interest. The Duralee chairs are upholstered in faux ostrich, which is both luxurious and durable, and the window treatments feature Lee Jofa embroidery in this Old Foxcroft home. The dining table is from Tritter Feefer, a renowned American furniture craftsman, offering full customization and commitment to earth-friendly practices.

Designer: Traci Zeller with Traci Zeller Designs

Photography by Dustin Peck

An Appetite for GLAM

Bold. Classic. Eclectic. Cozy. Modern. Dining rooms come in all shapes and sizes and evoke a plethora of atmospheres. But one thread ties them all together. Every dining room is designed to dazzle guests by operating as the perfect backdrop to each dinner party, family meal, or extravagant event. And here, more than anywhere else in the home, a little extra glam is always appropriate.



Photography by Ashley Walker DeLapp

Above: Bold patterns and bright bursts of color transform a neutral dining room canvas into a stunning star. The geometric Harlequin wallpaper, vintage console lacquered in Benjamin Moore "Citrus Burst," Arteriors mirror, Modway dining table and chairs, and gold-toned chandelier from Lucent Light Shop make this dining room anything but boring.

Designer: Ashley DeLapp Interior Design



Photography by Erin Comerford

Above: This classic blue-and-white dining room is crisp and clean with a touch of glam. The richly textured grasscloth, Ro Sham Beaux chandelier, and gold accents add luxury while the floor-to-ceiling curtains, Stark rug, and F. Schumacher upholstered

Designer: Lisa Britt with Lisa Britt Designs



Left: Eclectic, exotic, and fresh, this dining room reflects the wanderlust of its well-traveled family. The wallpaper's oversized Asian-inspired flower in lilac and pungent coral is diffused for softness with crisp white trim in Benjamin Moore "House White" and "Iced Lavender" ceiling. The purple crystal chandelier gives a wink to Murano, Italy's artistic spirit, and a gallery wall from Charleston Artist Collective fully embraces the room's vibe. The exotic "Folsom" rug from Stark adds a touch of wild.

Designer: Holly Hollingsworth Phillips with *The English Room*

Photography by Dustin Peck

Right: Layers of texture, color, and fabric take this dining room to the next level. White slipcovers update existing chairs while black-framed chairs have been mixed in for contrast. Multiple layers of fabric on the table offer beautiful drape and shine, while a hand-painted velvet runner adds luxury to the table and accent pillows. An earthen-toned drapery frames the artwork and adds another layer of texture.

Designer: Heather Smith with *Circa Interiors & Antiques*



Photography by: Chris Edwards



Left: Basketweave drum shades from Regina Andrew ground the room's 14-foot ceilings, and the design filters light in such a way to impart a magical essence at night in this Eastover home. A reclaimed pine table, tailored linen chairs from RH, and a Persian rug create an air of casual elegance.

Designer: Jenna Jackovich designer/owner of *Stylefix*

Photography by Dustin Peck

Heart & HOME

If the house has a pulse, you'll find it in the kitchen – the true heart of the home. As the backdrop for intimate moments where home-cooked meals are prepared, homework is checked, and where family members congregate just to spend time with one another, the kitchen must fulfill a tall order, ensuring the utmost in function and style. State-of-the-art appliances, natural stone countertops, sleek cabinetry, and elegant light fixtures can pull it all together.

Right: Timeless design takes a twist with this departure from white cabinetry. Painted in Farrow & Ball Black Blue No. 95, the cabinets impart a deep richness to the design, punctuated by gold-toned Visual Comfort pendant lighting and Newport Brass plumbing. Wolf appliances and a rug obtained on a family trip abroad complete the cohesive design.

Designer: Georgia Street Design



Photography by Ariana Clare



Photography by Dustin Peck

Left: The Calacatta Manhattan honed marble countertops and butterfly matched backsplash from AGM Imports Granite & Marble and Harkey Tile & Stone are works of art that anchor the entire kitchen design of this Myers Park home and sets off the handcrafted blackened steel and stainless hood. Dutch Made cabinetry featuring Water Street Brass hardware (through Bird Decorative Hardware & Bath) and appliances from Sub-Zero and Wolf complement the overall design.

Designer: Caren Bistany with Bistany Design

Right: Nature sets the vibe for this modern mountain kitchen where the rustic warmth of barnwood and wide-plank hardwood floors marries the cool, clean lines of Marmara honed marble countertops.

Designer: Holly Hollingsworth Phillips with *The English Room*



Photography by Dustin Peck



Left: The classic black-and-white pairing make a big impact in this streamlined kitchen concept. Black granite and marble countertops, black and iron cabinetry accents, and a black hood pop against an all-white canvas of painted upper cabinetry, walls, and soft-hued upholstery. Visual Comfort pendant lights and Conrad shades complete the sleek aesthetic.

Designer: David Smith with *Custom Interiors*

Photography by Jessica Glynn Photography

Right: The effect of this quiet color palette is anything but subtle. The understated geometric print of the Stark rug, elegantly-simplistic neutral upholstery and clean Tritter Feefer console table complements the room's dramatic focal points: the chandelier with crystal finial, the striking Lee Jofa window treatments, and the custom artwork commissioned through Laura Park and Shain Gallery.

Designer: Traci Zeller with Traci Zeller Designs



Photography by Dustin Peck

Live & Let LIVE

If the foyer says “hello,” the living room says “sit down and stay a while.” Whether it boasts an elegant sitting group, a gallery wall of eclectic art, or a unique architectural element, the living room’s focal point draws guests in and establishes the mood of the space. At the intersection of the home’s comprehensive design, the living room blends colors, textures, and styles to create a space where visual impact and personal comfort are paramount.

Left: The gallery feel of this living room’s custom cocktail table and mirror with art tray, Visual Comfort light fixtures, and modern lines is warmed by an earthen-toned Stark rug and deep blue Hickory Chair sofa.

Designer: David Smith with Custom Interiors



Photography by Brian Douglas Works



Photography by Dustin Peck

Above: A mix of personal items and family heirlooms were given a modern twist in this living room. A tufted ottoman was updated with an F. Schumacher velvet fabric and chairs were reupholstered in a chenille twill from RM COCO. Cross stools from Kravet, drapes from Cowtan & Tout, a Jonathan Adler fireplace screen, and original art from Jennifer Smith Rogers gives existing pieces a fresh edge.

Designer: Rosa Dest with Rosa Dest Interiors



Left: The West Elm sofa was custom created by TUFT to bring in clean, modern lines and anchor the comprehensive design—a modern bohemian vibe, imparted through ShopSouthernSky+DozyRez pillows and vintage pieces, including the Lineberry cart-turned-coffee table. Gold lighting from AllModern adds a touch of glam.

Designer: Danielle McKim
owner of TUFT Retail + Interior Design

Photography by Brian Douglas Works

Slumber in STYLE

Intimate and deeply personal, the bedroom marries comfort and personality to create a haven within the confines of the home. From new contemporary furnishings to refurbished antique finds, every element goes hand in hand to infuse a clean, modern aesthetic perfect for sleeping or simply relaxing in a place all your own. Punchy fabrics, artwork, and accessories smartly infuse the space with personality.



Photography by Avtmarketing

Above: Avid collectors of art and antiques, the master bedroom in this South Park home is the perfect gallery space. The neutral color scheme of the Stark rug and Matouk bedding blends seamlessly with the hand-painted and gold-leafed antique bench and the painting “Loved Fully” from local artist Marcy Gregg.

Designer: Swell Decor



Left: This Dilworth bathroom’s footprint was changed to complete the home’s renovation, with the water closet being relocated in order to install a larger shower and slipper tub. An inset double vanity, complete with multiple drawers and make-up area, provide ample storage space.

Designer: Lisa Britt with Lisa Britt Designs

Photography by Erin Comerford



Photography by McKenzie Loli

Above: Growing up is easy to do when it includes a custom-designed bedroom fit for a princess. The abstract Lindsay Cowells wallpaper and lotus drop pendant infuse a mix of golds and silvers in the space, creating a cozy, layered look.

Designer: Maggie Yackel Crandall with Lucy and Company



Photography by Christina Hussey

Above: An Etsy-sourced wallpaper creates the accent wall in this nursery where the colors are reflected in the ribbon banner crib skirt. A Gabby light fixture, Wesley Hall chair, and custom Moss Studio ottoman ensures this nursery will serve both baby and growing child for many years to come.

Designer: Georgia Street Design

Tykes in TRANSITION

With children growing as quickly as they do, smart design ensures a room that's elegant, fun, and as transitional as they are. Functional furniture that doubles as hidden storage is the gold standard and bold wallpapers, murals, or accent walls are a terrific way to impart child-like whimsy into the room. By capturing the fun spirit of youth, the children's bedrooms will become a favorite space that truly grows along with them.

Soak it IN

The ultimate standard in personal luxury, the perfect bathroom offers a spa-like feel with the elegance of a five-star resort. Posh linens, sleek cabinetry, neutral palettes, and contemporary light fixtures and sconces create a clean, uncluttered aesthetic that invites relaxation with a soak in the tub, a moment to wash away the day and the stresses of the world while savoring the ambiance.

Right: Design details implemented by Pursley Dixon Architecture anchor the bathroom's style and function. The inset for the double vanity and sleek cabinetry coordinate beautifully with the neutral-hued tile floor and romantic sconce creating a natural, spa-like atmosphere.

Designer: Gray Walker



Photography by Dustin Peck



Photography by Deborah Scannell

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Designer: Marianne Shannon with Case Design



Photography by Dustin Peck



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Top: A subtle color palette, clean lines, and bronze hardware give this mountain bathroom a spa-like feel that tiptoes between modern and rustic.

Designer: Holly Hollingsworth Phillips with *The English Room*

Left: Home sweet resort? This Zen-like bathroom, expansive, open and accessible, offers its retired female executive homeowner the luxury of her extensive travels within the comforts of home. A custom vanity offers built-in internal power for hair utensils, a mirror with ample storage, a charging station, and night light. A zero-clearance shower entry ensures safety and accessibility for years to come.

Designer: Christi Barbour with *Barbour Spangle Design*

Right: Reclaimed oak cabinetry was custom designed to stand up to both kids and dogs while offering a substantial and convenient storage option. An extra long bench ensures each child has ample room to slide on their shoes while a “drop zone” desk provides the perfect slot for the home computer and a “catch all” for mail and electronic devices. Natural slate floors from The Tile Shop, shiplap walls, and two oversize Circa pendants prove durability is the new chic.

Designer: Mary Ludemann with New Old Interiors



Photography by Dustin Peck



Photography by Paul Rauch with Summit HD Media



Form & FUNCTION

A functional back entrance shouldn't skimp on style. Incorporating hidden closets and custom cabinetry to accommodate storage needs keep the aesthetic clean and streamlined, while architectural detailing, custom tile floors, and ship lap walls can add drama to a traditionally more utilitarian

Style and function go hand in hand in this light, airy mudroom, which sets the tone for this entire Davidson home. Rich-hued original wide-plank heart pine floors and white tongue-and-groove ship lap create a streamlined aesthetic while Dutch Made through Bristany Design custom cabinetry and a flush hidden door to an expansive pantry offers storage without clutter. Desk chair and sconce are from Interiors Unlimited.

Designer: Caren Bistany of Bistany Design

Posh PLAYTIME

Recreational rooms are the meeting point between family time and entertainment, where family members can relax together, watch TV, and play a game or two. Whether dark and rustic or light and contemporary, recreational room design must embrace comfort and coziness in order to become the family's favorite getaway spot.



Photography by Chris Edwards

Top: Customized on a budget, this man cave, dubbed "Dave's Dungeon," fuses comfort and convenience with a specially-designed sectional sofa that offers both traditional seating for the giant screen TV and bench seating for a game of billiards. All fabrics are washable, and cow hides from IKEA soften the painted concrete floor under the pool table.

Designer: Heather Smith with Circa Interiors & Antiques



Photography by Avtmarketing

Left: Work and play collide in this family entertaining room, complete with study desk and shuffleboard. Ship lapped walls, Stark rugs, and a custom-designed barn door imparts a bit of Texas-style relaxed rustic in the space.

Designer: Swell Decor